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- The Requested Budget is a summary of the requests received from City of Cincinnati Departments wishing to utilize HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding.
- Cincinnati's annual CDBG allocation has decreased 21% from \$17,343,000 in 2001 to less than \$13,742,000 in 2006. The HOME allocation has declined nearly 25% from \$5,354,000 to \$4,054,230 during the same period. The result has been significant cuts in programs.
- Since the CDBG grant has been reduced every year in the last six years the 2007/2008 Biennial Budget target was set assuming the CDBG grant will be reduced 10% in both 2007 and 2008. A significant cut in HOME funding is not anticipated this biennium, therefore the HOME target is the same as what was awarded to the City in 2006.
- Nine City departments have requested over \$26 million in program funding while only \$11,238,130 is estimated to be available in 2007 as shown on Table 1 below.

Table 1.

2007/2008 CDBG Budget Requests as Compared to Targets

	<u>Difference</u>				<u>Difference</u>			
	<u>2006</u>			<u>Request-</u>			<u>Request-</u>	
<u>Department</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2007 Target</u>	<u>2007 Request</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>2008 Target</u>	<u>2008 Request</u>	<u>Target</u>	
Community Dev and Planning	\$ 10,588,550	\$ 9,328,130	\$13,618,810	\$ 4,290,680	\$ 8,459,540	11,795,252	\$ 3,335,712	
Finance - Income Tax	\$ 10,300	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	8,000	\$ -	
Buildings	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,144,000	\$ 1,552,656	\$ 408,656	\$ 1,041,000	1,459,872	\$ 418,872	
Law	\$ 161,050	\$ 141,000	\$ 141,000	\$ -	\$ 128,000	128,000	\$ -	
Public Services	\$ 200,000	\$ 176,000	\$ 176,000	\$ -	\$ 160,000	160,000	\$ -	
Police	\$ 75,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	60,000	\$ -	
Health	\$ 300,000	\$ 264,000	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 9,236,000	\$ 240,000	1,800,000	\$ 1,560,000	
Parks	\$ 125,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	100,000	\$ -	
Recreation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000	\$ -	175,000	\$ 175,000	
Total	\$ 12,759,900	\$11,238,130	\$26,023,466	\$14,785,336	\$10,196,540	\$15,686,124	\$ 5,489,584	

- Program administration costs are restricted to no more than 20% of the grant and program income, and the target for 2007 is estimated to be \$3,361,870.
- Public Services as defined by HUD cannot exceed 15% of the grant amount and program income to be received in 2007. The Public Services request for 2007 is \$477,007 over the cap.
- Slum and Blight activities cannot exceed 30% of the total CDBG funding expended on programs. Due to increased spending to meet expenditure timeliness in 2006, well above the cap on slum and blight activities, the City will need to average its slum and blight spending over three years to meet HUD regulations. Therefore, slum and blight expenditures in 2007 and 2008 will be very limited. Current estimates show only \$1.2 million available yet the budget request is nearly \$2.8 million over what is estimated to be available for the two years.
- The Housing For People With AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) requests are submitted by the Partnership Center. The estimated funding available for ESG and HOPWA in 2007 is \$635,980 and \$519,000 respectively.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by Goal and Objective

	2006 Approved	2007 Requested	2008 Requested	Pg* No.
Housing Objectives				1
Homeownership Housing Development				1
Cincinnati Homeowner Infill & Rehab Program	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	2
Strategic Housing Initiatives Program	\$970,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	2
Homeowner Rehab Loans & Lead Abatement Grants	\$865,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	2
Housing Maintenance Services	\$1,900,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	3
Emergency Mortgage Assistance	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	4
HOPE VI Delivery Costs	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	4
Section 108 Delivery	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	4
Homeownership Total	\$3,920,000	\$2,830,000	\$2,830,000	
Rental Housing Development				5
Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	5
Rental Housing Total	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Homeownership Supportive Services				
Homeownership Supportive Services Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Renters Supportive Services				6
Tenant Assistance	\$33,000	\$29,000	\$26,000	7
Code Enforcement Relocation	\$128,050	\$112,000	\$102,000	7
Tenant Representation	\$170,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	7
Section 8 Tenant Counseling and Placement	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	7
Renters Supportive Services Total	\$381,050	\$291,000	\$278,000	
Promote Fair Housing				8
Fair Housing Services	\$195,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	8
Fair Housing Total	\$195,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	
TOTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	\$4,521,050	\$3,296,000	\$3,283,000	
Other Community Needs				8
Economic Development				8
Promote Commercial and Industrial Development/Redevelopment				8
NBD Property Holding Costs	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	9
NBD Improvement Program	\$1,100,000	\$650,000	\$1,500,000	9
Price Hill Kroger Development	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	9
Commercial and Industrial Development Total	\$1,110,000	\$3,175,000	\$2,525,000	

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by Goal and Objective

	2006 Approved	2007 Requested	2008 Requested	Pg* No.
Industrial Site Redevelopment/SPUR				10
Strategic Program for Urban Redevelopment	\$700,000	\$550,000	\$750,000	10
Industrial Site Redevelopment/SPUR Total	\$700,000	\$550,000	\$750,000	
Promote Business Development Opportunities				10
Small Business Enterprise Program	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	11
Small Business Services & Technical Assistance	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	11
Small Business Loan Fund (CSBLF)	\$0	\$150,000	\$250,000	12
Corporation for Findlay Market (CFFM)	\$500,000	\$630,000	\$630,000	12
Financial & Credit Union Services	\$83,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	12
Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach and Financial Literacy	\$10,300	\$9,000	\$8,000	13
Neighborhood Capacity Building & Technical Assistance	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	13
Business Development Opportunities Total	\$1,368,300	\$1,759,000	\$1,908,000	
Job Training, Placement Services, and Employment Opportunities				14
Blueprint for Success	\$700,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	14
Findlay Market Ambassadors Program	\$200,000	\$176,000	\$160,000	15
Youth Employment Programs	\$750,000	\$675,000	\$600,000	15
Prison Reform Advocacy Program	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	
SOAR	\$75,000	\$287,081	\$287,081	15
SARF Safe Haven	\$0	\$189,926	\$105,000	16
Job Training and Placement Total	\$1,760,000	\$1,828,007	\$1,652,081	
<i>TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>	\$4,938,300	\$7,312,007	\$6,835,081	
Quality of Life				16
Slum & Blight Elimination				16
Neighborhood Revitalization	\$276,940	\$200,000	\$250,000	17
Concentrated Code Enforcement	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	17
Barricade and Demolition Program	\$1,000,000	\$844,000	\$741,000	18
Neighborhood Gardens	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	18
Millcreek Greenway Restoration	\$100,000	\$85,000	\$75,000	19
Lead Hazard Testing Program	\$300,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,800,000	19
Vacated Building Maintenance License Program	\$0	\$408,656	\$418,872	19
Slum & Blight Elimination Total	\$2,001,940	\$3,562,656	\$3,609,872	
Youth Development				20
Youth Development Program	\$650,000	\$585,000	\$525,000	20
Youth Development Total	\$650,000	\$585,000	\$525,000	
Community Services				
Community Services Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by Goal and Objective

	2006 Approved	2007 Requested	2008 Requested	Pg* No.
Service Facility Improvements				20
Service Facility Improvements	\$513,610	\$2,476,803	\$1,123,171	21
Recreation Facilities Improvements	\$0	\$850,000	\$175,000	21
Health Department Program Consolidation	\$0	\$7,800,000	\$0	21
Service Facility Improvements Total	\$513,610	\$11,126,803	\$1,298,171	
Citizen Safety				22
Drug Elimination Program	\$75,000	\$66,000	\$60,000	22
Citizen Safety Total	\$75,000	\$66,000	\$60,000	
<i>TOTAL QUALITY OF LIFE</i>	\$3,240,550	\$15,340,459	\$5,493,043	
Homeless Housing				23
Continuum of Care Administration	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	23
<i>TOTAL HOMELESS HOUSING</i>	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	
<i>PROJECTS TOTAL</i>	\$12,759,900	\$26,023,466	\$15,686,124	
Planning, Administration & Debt Service				
<i>Personnel and Non-Personnel Operating</i>	\$2,124,910	\$1,926,450	\$1,701,660	
<i>Non-departmental Accounts</i>	\$1,033,820	\$953,550	\$924,340	
<i>Section 108 Debt Service</i>	\$500,000	\$481,870	\$507,460	
<i>TOTAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION</i>	\$3,658,730	\$3,361,870	\$3,133,460	
<i>TOTAL CDBG BUDGET</i>	\$16,418,630	\$29,385,336	\$18,819,584	

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HOME Investment Partnerships by Goal and Objective

	2006 Approved	2007 Requested	2008 Requested	Pg: No
Housing Objectives				1
Homeownership Housing Development				1
Cincinnati Homeowner Infill & Rehab Program	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	2
Strategic Housing Initiatives Program	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0	2
Homeowner Rehab Loans & Lead Abatement Grants	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	2
Tap/Permit Fee Assistance Program (TAP)	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	3
Homeownership Total	\$2,265,000	\$1,115,000	\$1,115,000	
Rental Housing Development				5
Rental Rehab Program	\$1,558,300	\$2,687,500	\$2,687,500	5
Rental Housing Total	\$1,558,300	\$2,687,500	\$2,687,500	
Homeownership Supportive Services				5
American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)	\$153,800	\$76,700	\$76,700	6
Homeownership Supportive Services Total	\$153,800	\$76,700	\$76,700	
<i>TOTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT</i>	\$3,977,100	\$3,879,200	\$3,879,200	
Other Community Needs				8
Economic Development				8
Job Training, Placement Services, and Employment Opportunities				14
Blueprint for Success	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	14
Job Training and Placement Total	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	
<i>TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	
Planning, Administration & Debt Service	\$421,150	\$200,000	\$200,000	
TOTAL HOME	\$4,598,250	\$4,279,200	\$4,279,200	

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2007/2008 Biennial Budget
Action Plan
Goals and Objectives

Vision Statement: Significant improvements to the quality of life in Cincinnati will be made by strategically addressing the specific needs of each neighborhood. By creating a diverse and affordable housing stock, reducing crime and blight, and providing economic development opportunities in neighborhoods, Cincinnati will be a more vibrant, livable city.

Overall Development Goal: Develop and support comprehensive efforts to revitalize neighborhoods while expanding economic opportunities and reducing blight. Development and support should strategically target 1) parts of the community that demonstrate the best chance for significant change, and 2) neighborhoods that have experienced an increase in the number of persons in poverty and vacant housing units and a decrease in the number of families and owner-occupied housing units.

Housing

Housing Goal 1: Develop and maintain new and rehabilitated homeownership and rental units for a variety of income levels.

Activities in support of this goal may include but are not limited to: homeownership, rental and mixed housing development and redevelopment; home repair grants; mixed-income, moderate and low and very low-income housing development; infrastructure improvements; housing maintenance services; tax/permit fee assistance; technical assistance and support for Community Development Corporations (CDCs) developing housing; mixed-use commercial / office / residential development; and project market studies.

Housing Objective 1: Promote sustained and increased homeownership through new construction and renovation of housing units. New and renovated units should be focused in neighborhoods with homeownership rates at or below the City's average homeownership rate where the existing inventory of housing stock and/or available land supports development and/or redevelopment for homeownership units.

Activity

Number of Homeownership Units

Five-Year Goal

8,190

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Cincinnati Homeowner Infill & Rehab	Housing Units	1	0	0
Strategic Housing Initiatives Program (Homeowner)	Housing Units	0	12	12
Tap/Permit Fee Assistance Program	Housing Units	14	15	15
Homeowner Rehab Loans & Lead Abatement	Housing Units	16	18	18
Housing Maintenance Services	Housing Units	1,087	1,500	1,500
Homeownership Center Small Repairs Program	Housing Units	8	5	5
Emergency Mortgage Assistance	Housing Units	21	30	30
Totals	Housing Units	1,147	1,580	1,580

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved <u>2006</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2007</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2008</u></i>
Cincinnati Homeowner Infill & Rehab Program	CDBG	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
	HOME	\$50,000	\$0	\$0

This program provides a funding mechanism for the rehabilitation or construction of single family homes for owner occupancy in the City of Cincinnati. The City will provide gap financing in the form of grants to eligible projects. Applications for funding will be accepted on an ongoing basis until funds are depleted for that year. No funding is requested for the 2007/2008 Biennium due to limited demand for this type of project.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved <u>2006</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2007</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2008</u></i>
Strategic Housing Initiatives	CDBG	\$970,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Program (SHIP) Homeownership	HOME	\$1,100,000	\$0	0

Funding for this project would provide for targeted investments in housing projects consisting of at least four housing units throughout the City's neighborhoods with a primary emphasis on homeownership opportunities.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved <u>2006</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2007</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2008</u></i>
Homeowner Rehab Loan Program	CDBG	\$865,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
	HOME	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000

The Homeowner Rehab Loan program (HRLP) provides low-interest deferred loans and lead grants to low and moderate-income homeowners to correct building code violations; improve accessibility; enhance emergency conservation; and stabilize safe, sanitary housing citywide. The program is currently managed on behalf of the City by the Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (HOC), an Ohio nonprofit 501C (3) Corporation.

Homeowners apply through HOC to verify income eligibility. Eligible properties are inspected by HOC construction specialists who prepare construction specifications. The bid process for specified work is conducted by HOC. HOC Loan Officers determine the amount and terms of each loan, based on bids and affordability of the applicant. The HOC Loan Committee reviews and approves the loans.

Effective January 1, 2004 this is a Revolving Loan Fund, with Program Income generated both from customer loan repayments and from loan sales to Neighborhood Housing Services of America. Loan underwriting, rehabilitation specifications, and servicing are administered by the Homeownership Center (HOC), a qualified third party subrecipient. The underwriting standards utilized by HOC allows a large portion of each loan to be sold on the secondary market that in turn provides income that can be re-loaned to Cincinnati homeowners. The leveraging of City investment will decrease the new funding requested yearly to support the loan fund thus making resources available for other City priorities.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved <u>2006</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2007</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2008</u></i>
Housing Maintenance Services	CDBG	\$1,900,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

Housing Maintenance Services provide grants for emergency and critical repairs to very low-income homeowners (below 50% of area median family income), most of whom are elderly. Emergency Services are limited to two emergencies per household per year, with a third emergency on a case-by-case basis. The maximum amount for an emergency repair is \$2,000. Critical repairs are those needed for the safety of the client and the integrity of the home, and may not exceed \$5,000 without City approval. Two contractors, People Working Cooperatively and NORMAR Corporation, provide these services.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved <u>2006</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2007</u></i>	<i>Requested <u>2008</u></i>
Tap/Permit Fee Assistance Program	HOME	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000

The program is designed to pay or reimburse Habitat for Humanity for utility tap fees, building permit fees, water and sewer permit fees, and remote meter fees related to the construction of eligible new single-family dwellings and some rehabilitation of existing properties. These units are intended for sale to and occupancy by low- to moderate-income households. Additionally, Habitat for Humanity may be reimbursed for construction modifications that enable the units to blend with the existing neighborhood styles and context.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Emergency Mortgage Assistance	CDBG	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000

This program provides up to three months of mortgage payments for low-income City of Cincinnati homeowners facing foreclosure due to job loss, illness, death of the primary wage earner, or other circumstances beyond their control. Homeowners may receive this assistance to bring their loan current if they have reestablished an income stream to continue future mortgage payments. All clients in mortgage trouble receive in-depth foreclosure prevention counseling, a case management approach used to identify the service needs of clients and link them with other social service agencies.

Those receiving Emergency Mortgage Assistance grants/loans remain safely housed in their own homes, their children remain in school, and there is a reduction of the community need for family emergency shelter beds. Eligible households from 35-50 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) receive assistance in the form of grants. Households 50-80 percent of AMI receive no-interest-deferred loans, due when the home is sold or transferred.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
HOPE VI Delivery	CDBG	\$5,000	\$0	\$0

This project would continue funding for staff costs, permits, inspections, and other delivery funding which is still needed until the City West project is closed out. No funding is requested for this program because sufficient funding remains in prior-year accounts to meet 2007 and 2008 program needs.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Section 108/Float Loan Delivery	CDBG	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

This project would continue funding for staff costs, permits, inspections, and other delivery funding associated with implementing Section 108 loan and float loan projects.

Housing Objective 2: Develop rental units for persons of low and very low-incomes in a manner that is consistent with City policy. Redevelopment should be focused in neighborhoods with significant residential populations, those that previously had significant residential populations but have experienced an increase in vacant units, or those within neighborhood business districts to create stronger mixed-use districts. Rental units are encouraged to be developed in conjunction with new homeownership units to create sustainable mixed-income communities.

Activity
Number of Rental Units

Five-Year Goal
984

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Rental Rehabilitation Program	Housing Units	46	325	325
Totals	Housing Units	46	325	325

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2006</i>
Rental Rehabilitation Program	CDBG	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
	HOME	\$1,558,300	\$2,687,500	\$2,687,500

The purpose of the Rental Rehabilitation Program is to increase the number of renovated rental housing units available to low-income families. Owners of housing units may receive up to 50% of the cost of rehabilitating the housing units in the form of a deferred, forgivable loan as long as the housing unit remains available to low-income families for at least five years.

Housing Goal 2: Provide supportive services to help moderate, low and very low-income persons find and maintain high-quality rental and homeownership units.

Activities in support of this goal may include but are not limited to: fair housing services, legal assistance, housing counseling, code related relocation assistance, assistance in making the transition to homeownership, down payment assistance, and home maintenance training programs.

Housing Objective 3: Assist low- and moderate-income renters make the transition to homeownership and successfully retain ownership of their homes. Services should be focused in neighborhoods that have seen more dramatic decreases in owner-occupied units or have housing stock most appropriate for first-time homeowners.

Activity
Number of Households Receiving Assistance

Five-Year Goal
100

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)	Households	27	30	30
Totals	Households	27	30	30

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)	HOME	\$153,800	\$76,700	\$76,700

The American Dream Downpayment Initiative was signed into law on December 16, 2003. ADDI funds are to be used for downpayment assistance towards the purchase of single family housing by low-income families who are first-time homebuyers. Eligible project costs include acquisition costs and related reasonable and necessary soft costs.

Housing Objective 4: Provide assistance to low and very low-income persons in finding and retaining high-quality affordable rental units.

Activity
Number of Persons Receiving Assistance

Five-Year Goal
24,550

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Tenant Assistance	People	4,238	4,238	4,238
Code Enforcement Relocation	Households	188	188	188
Tenant Representation	People	1,308	900	900
Section 8 Tenant Counseling and Placement	People	142	40	40
Totals		5,876	5,366	5,366

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2006</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2007</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2008</u>
Tenant Assistance	CDBG	\$33,000	\$29,000	\$26,000

Each year, approximately 3,000 to 4,000 persons contact the Relocation Services Office requesting assistance in finding housing or seeking information about the various types of housing available. These persons are counseled on how and where to find housing. They are also provided with a list of housing managers and specific referrals may be given.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2006</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2007</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2008</u>
Code Enforcement Relocation	CDBG	\$128,050	\$112,000	\$102,000

This project allows the Relocation Services Office to pay the first month's rent or security deposit for persons moving to decent, safe and sanitary housing who have been displaced by code enforcement and/or the hazards of lead paint. Relocation staff take applications from low-income persons for subsidized housing and provide vacancy lists and management company lists to clients. The City assists approximately 150-250 displaced families/persons per year. Qualified participants receive up to \$650 for rental assistance and moving costs. In addition, low/moderate income clients receive guidance and housing referrals for securing affordable housing and subsidized housing.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2006</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2007</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2008</u>
Tenant Representation	CDBG	\$170,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

The Tenant Representation Project (TRP) administered by the Legal Aid Society provides legal representation for low and moderate-income tenants in the City of Cincinnati. The TRP project prevents homelessness by stopping unlawful evictions, corrects illegal lockouts and utility shutoffs, and requires landlords to complete repairs to make rental units decent, safe, and sanitary. The project also prevents retaliation against tenants who ask the City Building and Health Departments to inspect for code violations.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2006</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2007</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2008</u>
Section 8 Tenant Counseling and Placement	CDBG	\$50,000	\$0	\$0

This program provides placement and transportation services to Section 8 voucher holders to assist them in securing affordable housing in low poverty neighborhoods outside of the City of Cincinnati. In addition to the services mentioned above, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.) also provides an outreach component to landlords. No funding is requested for this program in 2007/2008.

Housing Objective 5: Promote fair housing.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of People Receiving Assistance	7,000

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Fair Housing Services	People	1,305	1,000	1,000

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Fair Housing Services	CDBG	\$195,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

The City contracts with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.) to promote equal housing opportunities for all home seekers regardless of race, sex, color, nationality, religion, handicap, or familial status and to reduce unlawful discrimination in housing and increase integration throughout Cincinnati's neighborhoods. The program does complaint intake, investigation, counseling, and files legal complaints against persons, firms, or organizations suspected of discrimination in housing. The program serves those classes of people protected by the Federal Fair Housing Act. In addition, the program provides education for consumers, housing industry professionals, police officers, and school staff, as well as research and monitoring of government sponsored or assisted housing programs. This program also provides a mediation program in conjunction with the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Owners Association.

Other Community Needs

Economic Development Goal 1: Promote commercial and industrial development and redevelopment.

Activities in support of this goal may include but are not limited to: revitalization of neighborhood business districts (NBDs), office and retail development, land assembly, physical and technological infrastructure, site improvements, streetscape improvements, façade improvement programs, enterprise zone agreements, brownfields redevelopment, mixed-use development, and project market studies.

Economic Development Objective 1: Support the development of new and expanded retail and office uses through funding assistance and public improvements. Support should be targeted to redevelopment of existing commercial areas, focusing on designated NBDs and prioritizing those within designated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs).

Where necessary, NBDs should be stabilized by reduction in NBD size through housing development in peripheral areas and/or on upper floors of commercial buildings.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of businesses receiving assistance	500

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
NBD Property Holding Costs	Businesses	N/A	N/A	N/A
NBD Improvements	Businesses	0	15	15
Price Hill Kroger Redevelopment	People	N/A	21,876	21,876
Totals		0	21,893	21,893

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
NBD Property Holding Costs	CDBG	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

This project will address property maintenance issues for City-owned property held for redevelopment in NBDs. The funds are used to respond to safety, clean up, maintenance, weed removal, and other issues as identified. Accomplishments for this activity are reported under other project accounts once the hold properties are developed.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
NBD Improvements	CDBG	\$1,100,000	\$650,000	\$1,500,000

This project will enhance the business environment in the City's NBDs by constructing streetscape public improvements, infrastructure improvements, property acquisition, or other development activities. Accomplishments in 2005 were in the form of four market studies, which are not reported to HUD as project completions, but become part of the City's 20% planning and administration allowance.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Price Hill Kroger Redevelopment	CDBG	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000

City Council approved the transfer of \$1.9 million during 2006 for the acquisition of property for the expansion of the existing Kroger store in Price Hill. The funding recommended for 2007 and 2008 would partially fund the development of an approximately 65,000 square foot new Kroger grocery store at Warsaw Avenue and Enright Avenue in Price Hill.

Economic Development Objective 2: Encourage the development of new and expanded low-intensity industrial uses and the remediation and redevelopment of vacant and underutilized industrial property into light-industrial or commercial uses. Support in the form of funding assistance and public improvements should be targeted to the designated Strategic Program for Urban Redevelopment (SPUR) districts, prioritizing the traditional industrial corridors in the Mill Creek valley.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of businesses receiving assistance	16

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Strategic Program for Urban Redevelopment	Businesses	0	16	16
Totals		0	16	16

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Strategic Program for Urban Redevelopment (SPUR)	CDBG	\$700,000	\$550,000	\$750,000

This project will facilitate the redevelopment of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized industrial and commercial sites where expansion or redevelopment may be complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The purpose of this project is to redevelop under-used property. The funds will be used to acquire property, remediate contamination, construct public improvements, and perform predevelopment activities to facilitate redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Economic Development Goal 2: Improve the economic conditions of people and organizations in order to promote business development and employment opportunities.

Activities in support of this goal may include but are not limited to: economic education, banking services, credit counseling, technical assistance to small business and micro-enterprises, small business loans, job training and placement for adults and youth, job transportation services, supportive employment services, technical assistance, and support for CDCs assisting NBDs.

Economic Development Objective 3: Support economic education and financial services for residents and businesses and capacity building for Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to increase the number of financially secure residents; successful, sustainable businesses; and stable commercial districts in Cincinnati. Services should focus on development of CDCs, small businesses and micro-enterprises in neighborhoods with increasing levels of poverty despite increasing educational and/or income levels.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of persons receiving assistance	7,685
Number of businesses receiving assistance	2,630

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Small Business Enterprise Program	Businesses	215	0	0
Small Business Services & Technical Assistance	Businesses	130	100	100
Cincinnati Small Business Loan Fund	Businesses	1	3	3
Corporation for Findlay Market	Organizations	1	1	1
Financial and Credit Union Services	People	1,267	1,300	1,300
EITC Outreach and Financial Literacy	People	1,564	2,529	2,529
Neighborhood Development Capacity Building	Organizations	7	5	5
Neighborhood Development Technical Assistance	Organizations	0	5	5
Totals		3,185	3,943	3,943

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Small Business Enterprise Program	CDBG	\$25,000	\$0	\$0

The Small Business Enterprise Program was approved by City Council in August 1999. It is a race and gender neutral program to replace the Equal Business Opportunity Program. The purpose of this program is to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City of Cincinnati by assisting SBEs to actively participate in the City's procurement process and by working to eliminate SBE discrimination in both public and private markets. Some of the elements of the new program are the development of a directory and handbook on City procurement procedures, outreach efforts to small businesses, assistance with bonding requirements, and training opportunities and seminars that will enhance small businesses. While the Program activities are expected to continue in 2007, the activity is now merged into the City's overall planning and administration budget. As a planning and administration activity, there is no federal requirement to report individual accomplishments for this activity. Therefore, a project allocation is not being requested for the 2007/2008 Biennium.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Small Business Services & Technical Assistance	CDBG	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$300,000

Programs and products that are related to this project support a system of accessible technical assistance that meets the start-up and growth needs of micro-enterprises and small businesses, including entities certified as a Small Business Enterprise with the City of

Cincinnati. Programs and services provided include capacity development, business education and coaching, entrepreneurial training, incubation and technical assistance in the form of loan packaging, accounting services, legal services, appraisals, environmental assessments, and inventory control audits.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Small Business Loan Fund	CDBG	\$0	\$150,000	\$250,000

The Cincinnati Small Business Loan Fund (CSBLF) is used to fill financing gaps for small to mid-sized businesses located in the City of Cincinnati that create or retain jobs for City residents, or provide benefit to residents of low and moderate-income neighborhoods. In 2004 the CSBLF was converted to a revolving loan program, comprised of the Grow Cincinnati Fund and the Micro-City Loan Fund. Loan underwriting and servicing functions are administered by qualified third parties using Small Business Administration (SBA) criteria. The SBA underwriting standards allows a large portion of each loan to be sold on the secondary market that in turn provides income that can be re-loaned to Cincinnati businesses.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Corporation for Findlay Market	CDBG	\$500,000	\$630,000	\$630,000

The Corporation for Findlay Market (CFFM) has entered into a management agreement with the City of Cincinnati to assume responsibility for management and leasing of Findlay Market facilities. Project subsidy will be used to recruit new small businesses to the Market, develop existing businesses, and support daily operations of the facilities. The goal is to eventually make the Corporation self-sufficient.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Financial & Credit Union Services	CDBG	\$83,000	\$220,000	\$220,000

Funds for the Financial and Credit Union Services program would assist SmartMoney Community Services in operational expenses associated with the program. SmartMoney assists low-income residents, primarily in the West End and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods, by providing a full range of banking services, including savings and checking accounts, individual development accounts (IDA), low-interest loans, direct deposit services, credit cards, and bus passes. For member convenience, an ATM machine is located in the OTR community. The Economic Education portion of this program includes SmartDollars & Sense, a comprehensive workshop covering all topics in basic money management. Each workshop provides participants with tools and techniques to help control spending, increase savings, and further align income with expenses. In addition, the workshop provides critical information on understanding credit. SmartChange Financial Counseling is a one-on-one counseling program structured to provide individual sessions to participants who are having

problems balancing their income with their expenses. The five-session course offers insightful tips and information on how to cut back on unnecessary spending, increase savings, identify financial goals, and get out of debt. In addition, SmartChange participants have an opportunity to review their credit reports, and if needed, arrange repayment plans with creditors.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Earned Income Tax Credit	CDBG	\$10,300	\$9,000	\$8,000
Outreach and Financial Literacy				

The purpose of this program is to improve the quality of life for low-income taxpayers who live in Cincinnati by expanding their awareness of the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit, by providing increased access to free tax preparation and filing services, and by facilitating programs to enhance their financial literacy.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Neighborhood Capacity Building and Technical Assistance	CDBG	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

This project is designed to build and strengthen the capacity of community development corporations (CDCs) through three principal activities:

1. Supporting neighborhood-based CDCs by providing operating funds,
2. Providing technical assistance and training to CDCs, and
3. Providing administrative oversight of the programs.

CDCs assist the City in meeting its housing production and economic development goals by developing housing and economic development projects that have a highly visible presence in the neighborhoods. In 2003, the Department of Community Development and Planning joined the Alliance for Building Communities, a regional collaborative whose mission is to strengthen the capacity of CDCs engaged in comprehensive neighborhood revitalization by providing funds for CDC operating expenses which may include salaries, office supplies, rent and utilities, contract services, as well as predevelopment (i.e., planning and engineering) activities. The City's membership in the Alliance leverages additional resources from member partners, providing a consolidated approach, and focuses on comprehensive community development.

In addition, this project will provide technical assistance to CDCs and other nonprofit organizations that pursue housing projects and other neighborhood development activities. Technical assistance is provided in the following areas:

- Asset Management – including, but not limited to, property management, compliance and reporting requirements, financial evaluation of projects, capital planning, financial management of the project, and marketing and/or contract administration;
- Fund-raising – generating funding partnerships and general fund-raising;
- Board Development – assisting Boards to better understand their roles and enable them to provide the organization with greater guidance and oversight;
- Other areas may be added on an as-needed basis.

Economic Development Objective 4: Provide support for job-training and placement services and other employment opportunities for adults and adolescents. Services should target neighborhoods with rising levels of poverty and/or unemployment despite increasing educational and/or income levels.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of persons receiving assistance	2,000

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Blueprint for Success	People	36	15	15
Findlay Market Ambassadors Program	People	11	6	6
Youth Employment Programs	People	896	420	420
Prison Reform Advocacy Project	People	441	0	0
S.O.A.R.	People	0	550	550
Totals		1,384	991	991

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Blueprint for Success	CDBG	\$700,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
	HOME	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Blueprint for Success is based on the Youth Build model, to assist ex-offenders and at-risk young adults ages 16-30 in obtaining their high school diploma (or GED) as well as marketable construction skills. Participants will be recruited from the Empowerment Zone and other approved NRSA's, and will be trained in all aspects of residential construction through the rehabilitation. Rehabilitated houses will be located in the Empowerment Zone or other NRSA's and will be affordable for sale to low- and moderate-income households (household incomes at or below 80% of area median income). The program will graduate at least 15 participants from high school (or GED) and 15 participants from the construction apprenticeship each year. The Community Action Agency in partnership with other community stakeholder organizations will operate the program. Because this is a new public service to be provided in approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas by a

Community Based Development Organization, the CDBG funded portion of this activity will be exempt from the CDBG regulatory cap on public services. HOME funding will be used for the development of units of affordable housing as part of the training program.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Findlay Market Ambassadors	CDBG	\$200,000	\$176,000	\$160,000

The Findlay Market Ambassadors program provides job training for low and moderate-income persons and provides enhanced cleanup and enhanced security in the area surrounding Findlay Market. Enhanced cleaning/safety/hospitality/training/operations will be provided at Findlay Market and in the OTR/Findlay Market area. Environmental maintenance services will include activities to make the Findlay Market area cleaner, including litter pickup, sweeping, graffiti removal, and pressure washing of sidewalks. Supplemental safety services will improve the perception of safety in the area, communication with law enforcement, visibility, and surveillance. Hospitality services to be provided include welcoming the public to the Market, providing directions, information and assistance. Employees will receive at least 16 hours of training including instruction from local law enforcement, the City Public Services Department, local mass transit agencies, homeless advocacy groups, and the local visitors' bureau.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Youth Employment Programs	CDBG	\$750,000	\$675,000	\$600,000

Funding will be used to train youth in the areas of work place etiquette, basic work skills (getting and keeping) utilizing workshops presentations and on the job experiences. The youth will be provided with opportunities to explore their interests and career options. This program may be revised for 2007.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
S.O.A.R	CDBG	\$75,000	\$287,081	\$287,081

The Solid Opportunities for Advancement and Retention (SOAR) program makes participants more employable by changing attitudes and raising self-esteem. Services include group and individual counseling, information sharing, computer training, and job development. Staff works not only with program participants but also with employers to achieve the goal of successful employment and job retention.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2006</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2007</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2008</u>
SARF Safe Haven	CDBG	\$0	\$189,926	\$105,000

Funds would be used to develop and train the staff in order to maximize the effectiveness of their programs for youth and ex-offenders. Also to provide shelter, order, stability and case management in the lives of 20 youth “from the streets” over the year. Provide perspective on life through group or 1 on 1 counseling. Develop 10 youth who can express themselves to community leaders in ways that effect decisions pertaining to youth. Develop 5 youth leaders that can recruit and positively influence other youth to come off the streets and to gain a better perspective of the lives and living in the streets from 5 diverse viewpoints, then report these views through the use of media so adults can better understand.

Quality of Life Goal: Promote sustainable neighborhoods through elimination of blighting influences and improved health and safety.

Activities in support of this goal may include but are not limited to: code enforcement, mitigation of vacant and abandoned properties and buildings, environmental remediation, crime reduction, lead reduction activities, development of parks and greenspace, health services, receivership activities, public service facilities improvements, preservation and renovation of historic properties, and youth services and activities.

Quality of Life Objective 1: Support the mitigation and/or removal of blighting influences such as non-code compliant buildings and properties; vacant and abandoned buildings and properties; abandoned automobiles; and environmental contamination, including underground storage tanks and lead hazards. Support positive methods of combating blight through development of parks and greenspace, and preservation and renovation of historic properties. Efforts should focus on primarily residential neighborhoods and designated NBDs, prioritizing those areas designated as NRSAs.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of persons receiving assistance	5,250
Number of facilities receiving improvements	1
Number of housing units remediated	6,275

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Neighborhood Revitalization	Housing Units	5	3	3
Concentrated Code Enforcement	Housing Units	2,637	1,300	1,300
Hazard Abatement Program	Housing Units	597	300	300
Neighborhood Gardens	People	53,457	1,674	1,674
Millcreek Greenway Restoration Project	Public Facilities	1	1	1
Lead Hazard Testing Program	Housing Units	173	2,000	2,000
Drughouse Shutdown Initiative*	Housing Units	48	0	0
Vacated Building Licensing Project	Housing Units	0	1,800	1,800
Totals		56,918	7,078	7,078

* Drughouse Shutdown Initiative activities have been merged into the Hazard Abatement Program project account.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG	\$276,940	\$200,000	\$250,000

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is intended to address the goals set by the Mayor and City Council and in the Consolidated Plan to provide focused revitalization efforts in our neighborhoods. These funds allow the City to purchase houses and vacant lots that are blighting influences on neighborhoods. Neighborhood Revitalization program purchases vacant and blighted properties through negotiation, foreclosure, or sheriff sale to improve the environment of the neighborhood by eliminating sources of slum and blight. Selection criteria includes vacant, deteriorated, and under-utilized properties as per 727-1B C.M.C. Focus areas are defined as those where blighted properties are in close proximity to each other, such as on the same street or sections of a neighborhood. This focused blight elimination approach allows for the revitalization effort to have greater impact.

The 2006 program scope is expanded to include housing pilot programs to redevelop individual properties that are a blighting influence in neighborhoods and for which the use of funding from other housing program accounts would not be appropriate.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Concentrated Code Enforcement	CDBG	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

House-to-house inspections are conducted in targeted areas to provide comprehensive inspection of areas in transition. This activity encourages development and improves housing. Typically, housing inspection and zoning code enforcement is "complaint driven"; however, Concentrated Code Enforcement is proactive and can be effective in turning around

areas in decline or can boost neighborhoods on the way up. Inspection resources are concentrated in a specified neighborhood to make a visible difference. Traditional complaint driven inspections result in spotty enforcement and lesser impact on the neighborhood environment. Corrections achieved through Concentrated Code Enforcement involve repairing porches, windows, and siding; painting; and removal of dilapidated garages, fences and sheds, junk cars and weeds. Owners receiving orders are informed of funding availability through the Department of Community Development and Planning to correct violations. Areas are targeted for Concentrated Code Enforcement in cooperation with neighborhood community councils.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Barricade and Demolition Program	CDBG	\$1,000,000	\$844,000	\$741,000

The mission of the Hazard Abatement Program is the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare through demolition and barricading of abandoned buildings. The Barricade Program was initiated in 1993 for the purpose of securing vacant abandoned buildings against entry by trespassers. Vacant, open, and dilapidated buildings are attractive nuisances to children, vandals, drug dealers and arsonists. Under the Demolition Program, condemned buildings citywide are demolished after normal code enforcement activities have been exhausted. Monthly Public Nuisance Hearings are conducted to determine if an abandoned building are such a nuisance that demolition by the City is warranted. Criteria such as historic value, Community Council support, the degree of fire and safety hazard, the level of criminal activity, and factors that depreciate property values are considered.

Removal of blighted buildings leads to stabilization and increased community safety, stable property values, and livability of neighborhoods.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Requested</i>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Neighborhood Gardens	CDBG	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

The Neighborhood Gardens Program is used to transform vacant and blighted lots throughout the City into attractive, productive uses as Community Gardens. The program assists residents in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods in developing these vacant lots into gardens, which can accommodate 10-30 families each. Participants are able to supplement tight food budgets with fresh grown produce, clean up and maintain their neighborhoods, as well as have access to educational and recreational opportunities. These benefits are especially true in inner-city neighborhoods where green space is severely limited.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2006</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2007</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2008</u>
Millcreek Greenway Restoration	CDBG	\$100,000	\$85,000	\$75,000

This project creates a greenway system within the riverine-riparian corridor of the Mill Creek. The Mill Creek is one of the most endangered urban rivers in North America. The small river flows through the heart of Cincinnati along economically depressed inner-city neighborhoods. This project provides planning and coordination services for greenway projects, volunteer recruitment for cleanup, and environment enhancing projects. The project's goals are to create innovative and sustainable greenway trails, parks, and other amenities within the riparian corridor of the Mill Creek and help revitalize neighborhoods located near the river's floodplain. This project has the support of the communities, businesses, and civic groups located along the Mill Creek. The project has already engaged a vast number of volunteer delivered services and improvements to the Mill Creek over the past few years. Other CDBG-eligible activities of the program include providing students from Cincinnati Public Schools with hands on environmental education and opportunities to give back to their communities through fieldwork at City greenway sites.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2006</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2007</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2008</u>
Lead Hazard Testing Program	CDBG	\$300,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,800,000

This project provides funding for lead inspections of residences occupied by children who have been identified as having an elevated blood lead level (EBL). The Cincinnati Health Department has operated an environmental program to investigate the housing of lead poisoned children since the middle 1970's. In accordance with the 2000 Census, 40% of the City of Cincinnati's housing stock was built before 1940, and 83% was built before 1970. Many of those units are occupied by low-income families and are in poor physical condition. The levels of lead paint are very high in the City's housing stock and the City has a concomitantly high level of lead poisoning incidents each year. This past year the program received more than 166 children referred for investigations into the cause of their lead poisoning. The State of Ohio has lowered the blood lead criteria level, which requires intervention to 15 ug/dl of blood. In addition, the program is being modified to respond to complaints from households where a child may be exposed to lead but has not yet been diagnosed as having an elevated blood lead level.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2006</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2007</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2008</u>
Vacated Building Licensing Project	CDBG	\$0	\$408,656	\$418,872

This project account would provide funding to implement the Vacant Building Maintenance License Program (VBML). An additional 6.25 FTE would be dedicated to this program.

The VBML was established in 2006 for the purpose of assisting owners of vacated buildings with compliance with the code provisions for vacated buildings and to motivate owners of vacated buildings towards compliance with these provisions through prosecution, demolition, planning, and building title transfer. The mission of the project is to reduce the number of vacated, dilapidated, and condemned buildings in the City by 25% within three years through enforcement of the Vacated Building Maintenance License ordinance and the associated regulations.

Quality of Life Objective 2: Support youth services and activities and health services. Services should focus on primarily residential neighborhoods and designated NBDs, prioritizing those areas designated as NRSAs.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of persons receiving assistance	2,300

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Youth Development Programs	People	0	700	700
Totals				

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Youth Development Programs	CDBG	\$650,000	\$585,000	\$525,000

This consolidation of funding for youth programs would provide for mentors, coaches and prevention and intervention activities. This program is currently being redefined.

Quality of Life Objective 3: Support and encourage public facilities improvements. Improvements should focus on primarily residential neighborhoods and designated NBDs, prioritizing those areas designated as NRSAs.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of facilities receiving improvements	40

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Human Services Facility Renovations	Public Facilities	8	18	18
Recreation Facilities Improvements	Public Facilities	N/A	1	3
Health Department Program Consolidation	Public Facilities	N/A	1	
Totals		8	20	21

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Human Services Facility Renovations	CDBG	\$513,610	\$2,476,803	\$1,123,171

This new project account would combine facility renovations funding recommended by the Human Services Advisory Committee into a single project account. This would provide flexibility in cases where funding previously allocated for one facility is not needed and can then be allocated to another facility which encounters cost overruns.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Recreation Facilities Improvements	CDBG	\$0	\$850,000	\$175,000

This project would fund the renovation and improvement of various recreation facilities in the Over-the-Rhine and Avondale areas. Ziegler Pool is over thirty-four years old and is in need of major renovations. This project will renovate the existing pool, bathhouse, and filter buildings with new pumps, concrete work, and plumbing work. Other facilities to be improved in 2008 include the tennis court rehabilitation in Avondale, resurfacing the Avondale recreation area on Blair Avenue, and basketball court renovations at Laurel and Weaver.

The Department of Recreation has a current backlog of capital projects that are under-funded by the City's General Capital Budget. This request would allow the Department to improve facilities in the Empowerment Zone areas to improve the quality of life for the residents.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Health Department Program Consolidation	CDBG	\$0	\$7,800,000	\$0

This project would provide funding to lease, with an option to purchase, the abandoned Windsor Cincinnati Public School building located on Windsor Avenue in Walnut Hills and relocate Health Department employees from several other locations to this site. This building

would be able to accommodate 175 to 200 employees. This site will also have sufficient parking spaces to accommodate employee needs, City vehicles used by the Environmental staff, and the mobile Health Van. These vehicles are now parked at various sites not in proximity to some program offices.

This site would house all of the Environmental Health Program, the Nursing Program, the Health Promotions Program, a WIC office, and the Vital Records Office. Currently, the aforementioned programs are spread out in four different buildings. The Department would be able to vacate the Mulhberg site, which is in need of extensive rehabilitation and has ground contamination. The rented space in Centennial 2 would also be vacated. This proposal would also free up significant space in the Elm Street site for an upgraded clinic. The Windsor school has a gymnasium, which also has a stage, and would be utilized for employee health and fitness programs and for Health Promotions programs and activities. The gymnasium would also be available for the Recreation Department to use for their various athletic activities. This building would also provide space for special presentations to community special interest and stake holders on such health topics as Lead poisoning prevention and control, emergency preparedness, food preparation classes (Serve Safe) and other public health wellness promotion topics.

Quality of Life Objective 4: Provide assistance to people and community groups aggressively working to improve the safety and perception of safety in their neighborhoods through Block Watch, Citizens on Patrol, Community Problem Oriented Policing (CPOP), and other crime reduction activities. Services should focus on primarily residential neighborhoods and designated NBDs, prioritizing those areas designated as NRSAs.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of people receiving assistance	38,300

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Drug Elimination Program	People	7,600	7,600	7,600
Totals		7,660	7,660	7,660

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Drug Elimination Program	CDBG	\$75,000	\$66,000	\$60,000

This project provides funding for increased law enforcement activity in Over-the-Rhine to replace the HUD Drug Elimination Grant program. The Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce has a coordination staff to manage the hiring of police officers, per the outside employment provisions of the Cincinnati Police Department. These officers will engage in

drug enforcement activities, including investigation, surveillance, and arrest of drug traffickers. It is anticipated that these enforcement activities will also lead to the arrests of criminals for offenses other than and/or related to drug trafficking and abuse. The Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce will be responsible for collecting data and tracking activity in order to assess the impact of this effort on community safety and the elimination of drug offenses.

Homeless Housing

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds support the Consolidated Plan homeless objectives. Grant funding supports emergency shelter operations subject to a limitation of 10% for staff costs. Funds may also be used to renovate buildings for use as homeless shelters.

Homeless Housing Objective 1: Support operations and essential services of current shelters and transitional housing providers at locations convenient and accessible to the homeless population.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Five-Year Goal</u>
Number of Organizations Receiving Assistance	75

Program	Indicator	2005 Actual	2007 Goal	2008 Goal
Continuum of Care Administration	Organization	1	1	1
Totals		1	1	1

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved 2006</i>	<i>Requested 2007</i>	<i>Requested 2008</i>
Continuum of Care Administration CDBG	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$75,000

This project account would provide funding for administration of the Continuum of Care process and for administration of other homeless and special populations programs. The contract is also partially funded through ESG and HOPWA administrative allocations and under the General Fund.

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